

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS23095**

This bill adjusts judicial salaries and increases the differences between justices and judges holding office at different levels within the judiciary. It increases pay for Magistrate judges by 2.5% from \$109,300 to \$112,000. This bill also increases the difference between the rate of pay for district judges and magistrate judges from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year, resulting in an 8.5% increase for district judges. The seven Administrative District Judges will receive \$2,000 more than the other district judges.

Also beginning in FY 2015, the Supreme Court Justices will receive a 10.7% increase to \$135,000, with the Chief Justice receiving \$2,000 more than the other justices. The Court of Appeals judges will receive a 7.5% increase to \$130,000, with the Chief Judge receiving differential pay for the first time of \$2,000 more than what the other Court of Appeals judges are paid.

In FY 2017, the salaries for the Justices of the Supreme Court will increase by 3.7% up to \$140,000, and the Chief Justice's salary will increase by 3.6% up to \$142,000.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

The total fiscal impact for this increase in salary and associated benefits, which are paid from the General Fund, will be \$1,157,200 for FY 2015 and FY 2016. The total fiscal impact to the General Fund for FY 2017 will be \$39,700.

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